

The Lamoille Valley Rail Trail

Community Connections



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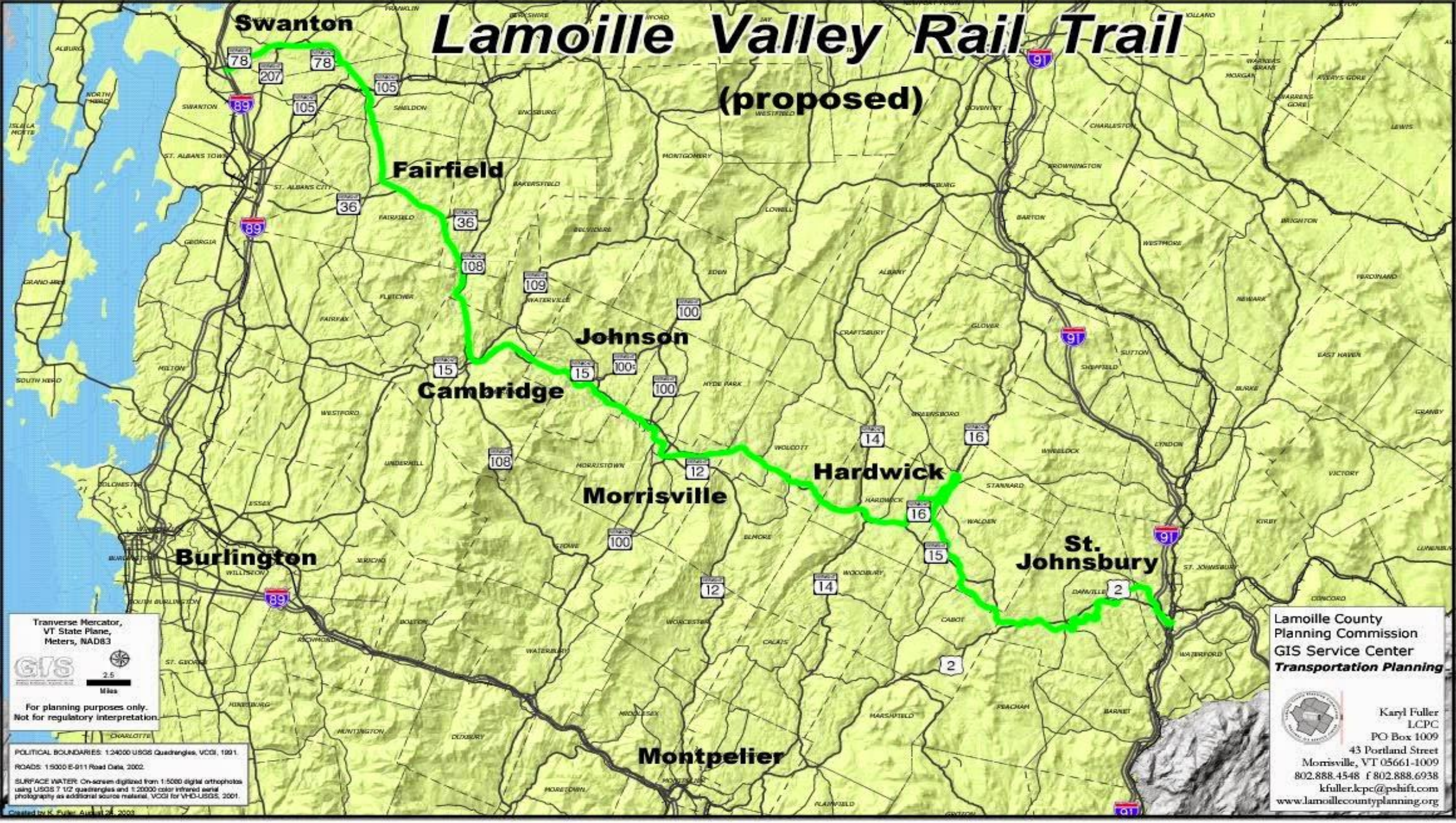
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Where is the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail?

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It follows the former Lamoille Valley Rail Line across northern Vermont.



Lamoille Valley Rail Trail

(proposed)

Swanton

Fairfield

Johnson

Cambridge

Morrisville

Hardwick

St. Johnsbury

Montpelier

Burlington

Transverse Mercator,
VT State Plane,
Meters, NAD83

GIS

2.5
Miles

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POLITICAL BOUNDARIES: 1:24000 USGS Quadrangles, VCOI, 1991.
ROADS: 1:50000 E-911 Road Data, 2002.
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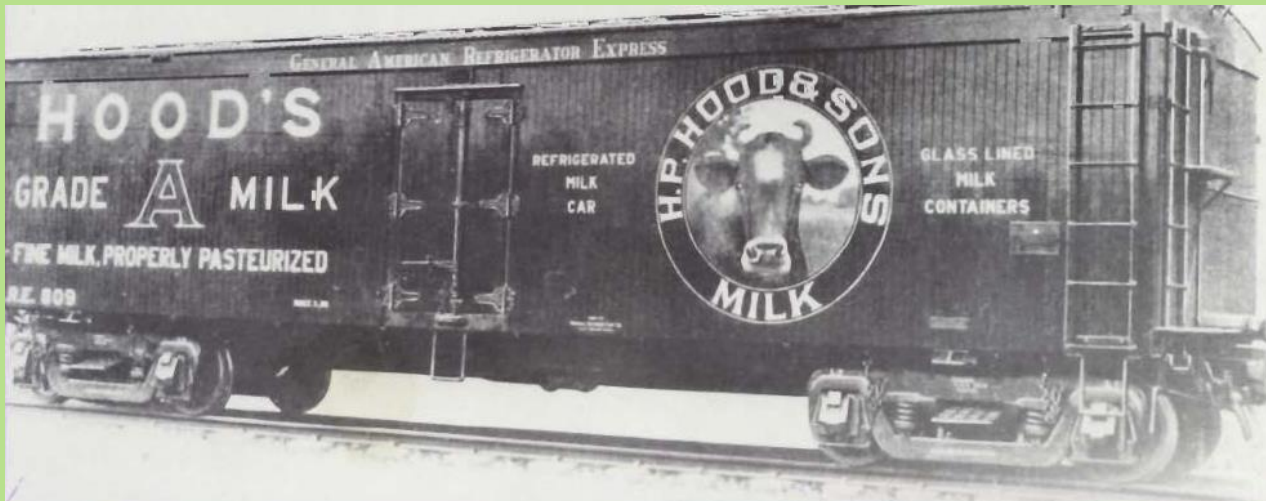
Brief History of the Lamoille Valley Rail Line

- Originally built in the 1870's as the Vermont Division of the Portland and Ogdensburg Railway.
- Intention was to connect Portland, Maine to the Great Lakes, but connection to the west never materialized.
- Numerous connections to other lines were made, and the line carried passengers and freight for decades.
- Passenger service ceased in 1956, and the line was sold to the State in 1973.
- The railroad continued as a freight line until around 1994, but then ceased operations.
- VAST submitted a proposal to the State in 2006 to convert the line to the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail.

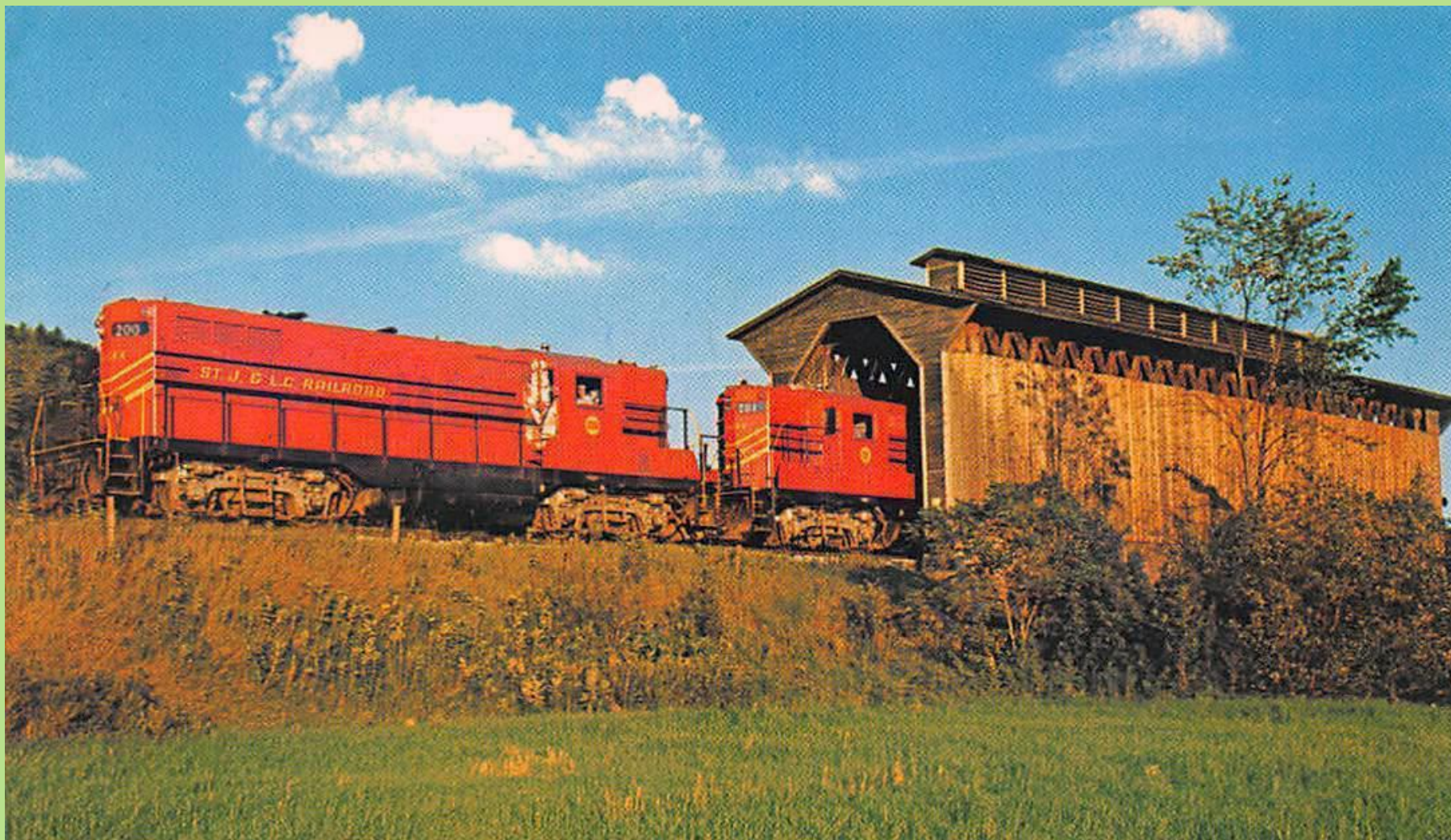


The Lamoille Valley Rail Line

- Carried passengers between the communities for over 80 years
- Carried freight between communities for over 100 years
 - ✓ Milk
 - ✓ Wool
 - ✓ Meat
 - ✓ Lumber
 - ✓ Grain
 - ✓ Limestone, talc, asbestos



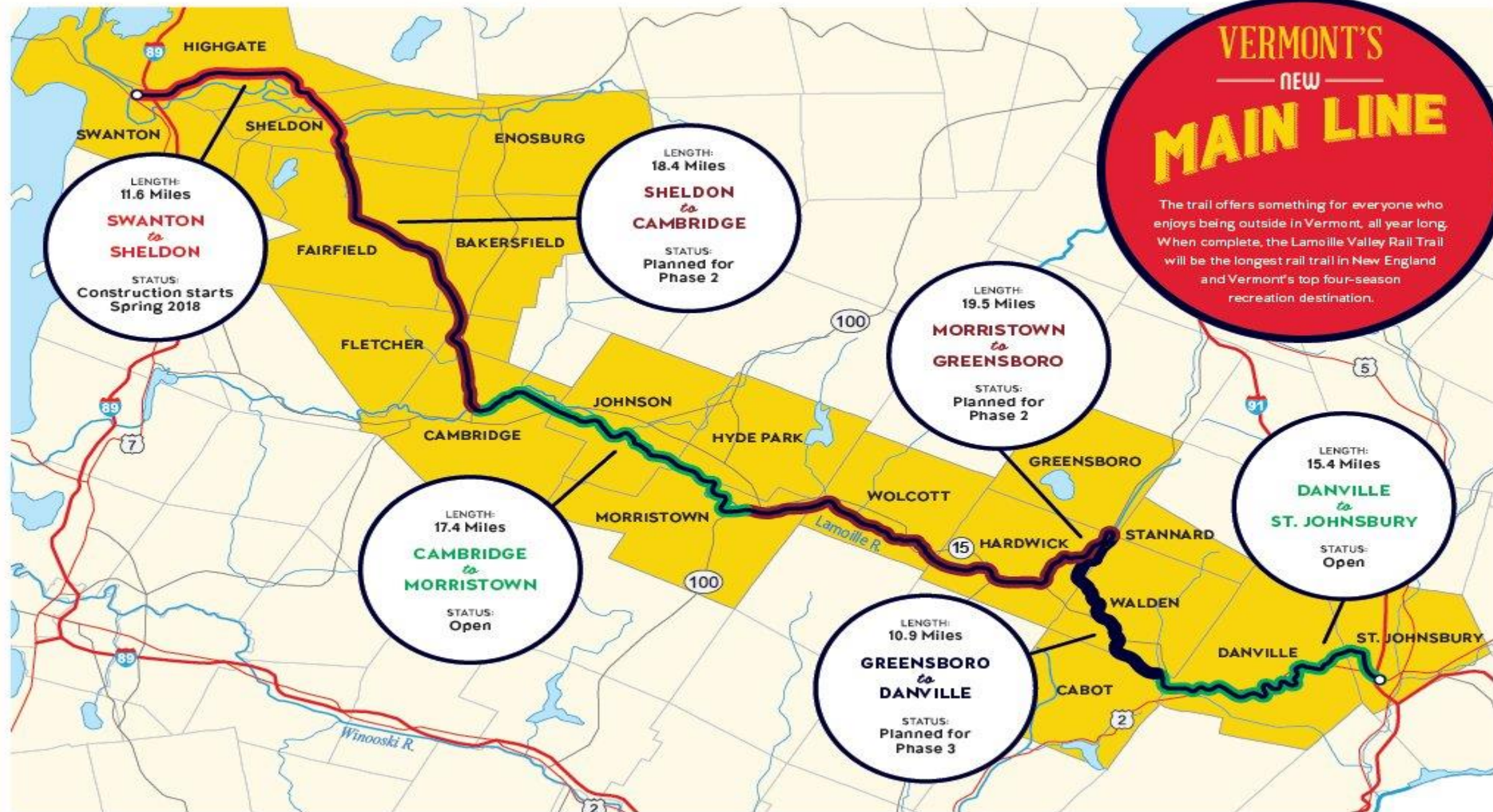
The Lamoille Valley Railroad passes through the Fisher Covered Bridge in Wolcott, circa 1970.



Lamoille Valley Rail-Trail Facts

- It is being developed by the Vermont Association of Snow Travelers (VAST)
- Extends 96 miles between St. Johnsbury and Swanton.
- Passes through 18 different communities.
- Approximately 33 miles have been reconstructed and are open for public use.
- The trail includes 42 bridges, and hundreds of culverts and cattle-passes.
- The typical section is an 8-foot wide aggregate surface course, with 1-foot wide grass shoulders.





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The trail offers something for everyone who enjoys being outside in Vermont, all year long. When complete, the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail will be the longest rail trail in New England and Vermont's top four-season recreation destination.

How does the LVRT connect communities?

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- Infrastructure
- Information
- Events
- Businesses



Infrastructure - constructing a shared direct connection between 18 communities



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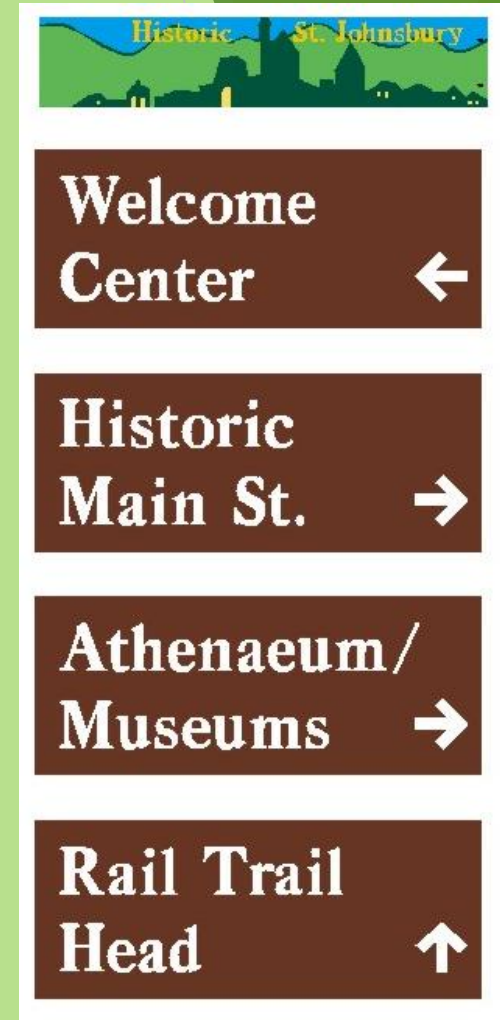
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- Some towns are actively working on projects to better connect downtown areas to the trail
 - St. Johnsbury (2 projects)
 - Danville
 - Hyde Park (LUHS)
- Others have already completed connections
 - Hyde Park constructed a sidewalk from their trailhead to the Village



The LVRT connects to other trails and facilities-

- Missisquoi Valley Rail Trail provides additional connections to:
 - St. Albans
 - Enosburg Falls
 - Richford
- Swanton Recreational Trail
- Cambridge Greenway
- Numerous other VAST trails

Information - many trailhead markers are being installed as the trail is constructed

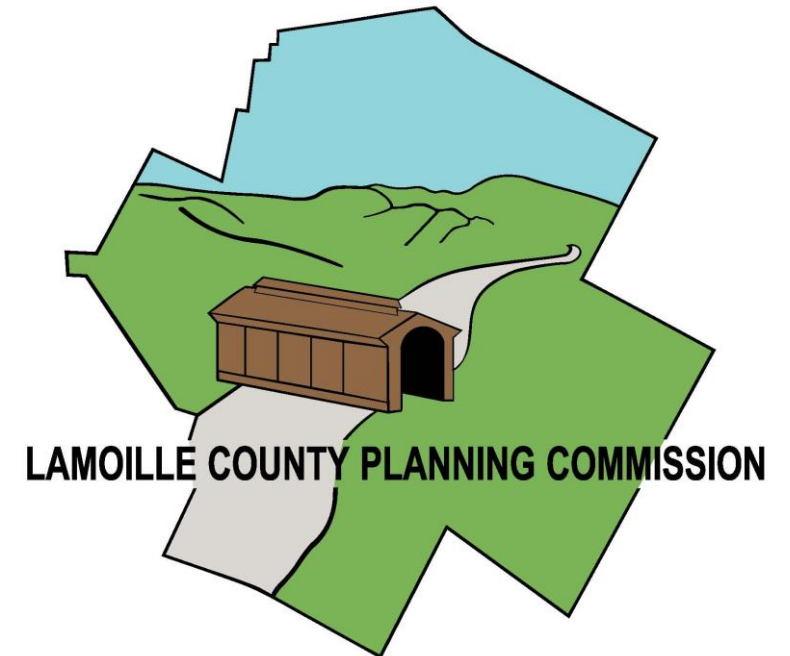


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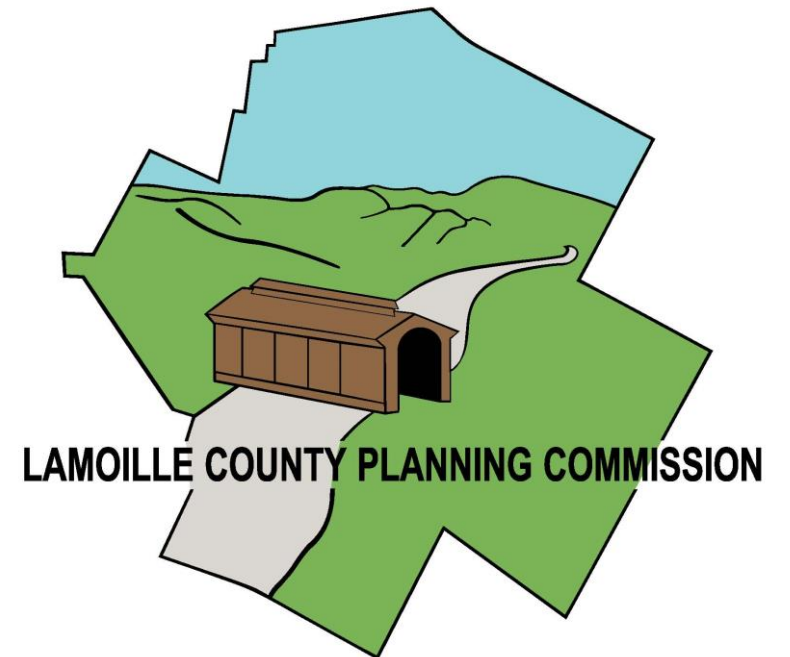
With a grant from the Northern Border Regional Commission, the Lamoille County Planning Commission:

- Built trailheads in Wolcott, Cambridge Junction and Jeffersonville Village
- Constructed wayfinding signs in Hyde Park.



LCPC received two planning awards for the projects.

- Vermont Public Spaces Award 2016
- National Excellence in Regional Transportation Planning



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Events - Cambridge Area Rotary Bike-A-Thon



The poster features a green background with a stylized mountain range. At the top left is the Cambridge Area Rotary logo, which includes a sunburst and the text 'CAMBRIDGE AREA Rotary'. Below this is a large graphic of a bicycle with motion lines. Under the bicycle is the text 'SMUGGLERS' NOTCH VERMONT'. The main title 'BIKE-A-THON' is in large, bold, white letters. Below the title is 'LAMOILLE VALLEY RAIL TRAIL' and 'MAY 27, 2017 • JEFFERSONVILLE, VT'. To the right of the bicycle graphic, the text reads: 'A fundraiser for great local causes: Veteran's Assistance | Rail Trail Upkeep & Development'. Below this, it says 'Powered by: Cambridge Area Rotary Club Smugglers' Notch Resort CEDAC (Cambridge Economic Development Advisory Committee)'. At the bottom right are two logos: 'LOST NATION BREWING' (featuring a red barn) and 'BOOTLEGGER BIKES' (featuring a bicycle wheel).

CAMBRIDGE AREA Rotary

BIKE-A-THON

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Remembrance and plaque dedication in 2016 in Cambridge



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Memorialized
the loss of 3 rail
workers killed in
an accident in
1949



Volunteer events - Friends of the LVRT



Businesses –

Lamoille Valley Bike Tours

- Bike and Brew Tours!

Stops at:

- **Lost Nation** in Morrisville
- **Rock Art** in Morrisville
- **Ten Bends** in Hyde Park



More Information:

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